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GROUP - PANEL 2 - ICE TRANSITING - 05.0502

REF: (A) FEBRUARY 8 ISHCHENKO TELEX TO RAMUNDO

(B) MOSCOW 19217

1. SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR LISTED AS INFORMATIONAL

ADDRESSEE ON ISHCHENKO-RAMUNDO TELEX OF FEBRUARY 8 WHICH
PROPOSES EXCHANGE OF MARINE AND ICE-TRANSITING DELEGATIONS
IN MARCH ON BASIS OF MORE FORTHCOMING VISIT PROGRAM FOR
LATTER. SHORTNESS OF NOTICE AND INVOLVEMENT OF KEY
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SCHEDULING OF THE VISITS AS PROPOSED. WHILE DOT
RECOGNIZES IMPROVEMENT IN ICE-TRANSITING VISIT PROGRAM, IT
BELIEVES THAT ISSUE OF ASSURING MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT IN
MARITIME AREA INVOLVES MORE THAN VISIT TO YERMAK AND
REQUIRES DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT AT JOINT COMMITTEE LEVEL.
UNFORTUNATELY, DOT IS STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO RESPOND
TO SCST PROPOSAL FOR MARCH MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE AS

BINDER'S SUCCESSOR, CHESTER DAVENPORT, HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED. WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL THAT MARCH WILL BE FEASIBLE FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. SOVIETS MAY BE ASSURED THAT

RAMUNDO WILL RAISE MATTER WITH DAVENPORT AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE RESPONSE. RAMUNDO HAVING LUNCH WITH YEZHOV OF SOVIET EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 16 TO EXPLAIN SITUATION.

2. REQUEST SCICOUN DRAW UPON FOREGOING IN RESPONDING TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN ISHCHECHKO TELEX. DOT WANTS POINT CLEARLY MADE THAT IT IS SERIOUS IN SEEKING MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT IN MARINE AREA AND THAT "OPPORTUNITY FOR (U.S.) SPECIALISTS TO COMMUNICATE CONCERNING THE NANSEN PROJECT AT THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE" IS NOT ITS IDEA OF A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE. WORDING OF ISHCHECHKO TELEX ON THIS POINT SUGGESTS "SOVIET LISTENING SOLUTION" VOICED BY ALEKSENKO DURING MEETING REPORTED REF. (B).

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